

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Service (Worship also available live streamed on Facebook)

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Friday

CHURCH STAFF

DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON Senior Minister

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Children & Youth Director

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THE LONG VIEW

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FCC 2024 Stewardship Campaign is happening now. Be sure to return your pledge cards by Sunday, October 8th.

Sara's Sisters/DWM

Will meet Monday, October 9th at 10:30 am in the Cornerstone Hall. Jolene

will bring a program on Bathsheba. Our service project will be bingo prizes for Eden Place residents. Ladies, please join



Keep Susan, Drew and Brad Ellison and their families, in your thoughts and prayers upon the death of Dale Ellison.

2024 Budget & Nominations will post Sunday, October 22, 2023

NEW Children and Youth Director We have exciting news!

Elick Arp will begin as the full-time Children and Youth Director on Sunday, October 15, 2023. Elick is an East having graduated LeTourneau University with a B.A. in Christian Ministry and Biblical Studies. He also earned a M. Ed in Curriculum and Instruction at Regent University. Elick was the Director of Youth Ministries in a church in Henderson, TX. while he was at LeTu. In 2016-2021 he was a Middle School teacher in Tianjin International School in China. He has a lot of stories to share with us. Being the fantastic church that we are, let's welcome Elick and offer our support as he begins his work with us.



Everett Kent King
Born 9/29/23
Weighed 8 lbs. even
And 21" long.
Meghan & Alan King
are the
proud parents
Bbop and Poppy
are the even
prouder Grandparents!



Steve Chumley and Steve Cocke

Both where childhood members and have reinstated their membership!

Finance Meeting
Tuesday, October 10th
Conference Room

The 2023 Nominating Committee members are as follows:

- Ron Bussey
- Jamie Dippold
- Tommy Eaker
- Beth Grant
- Rick Johnston
- Donna McFarland
- Sharon Wilson

This committee will need your nominations a.s.a.p. for the Elder and Diaconate positions. The responsibilities of Elder and Diaconate are to attend all Board meetings, promote growth and welfare of the church, greet and usher worshippers, prepare and distribute the Lord's Supper, receive offerings, assist in visitation, give counsel and service in the business affairs of the church and its programs in addition perform other duties as assigned.

The mission of this congregation is the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through all areas of its life and work, witnessing in all situations to the grace of God in Jesus Christ, thereby seeking in all people a response in faith and commitment to him.

Matthew 28:18-20

The next Elder Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16th at 5:30 pm.



Let's get ready for Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 29th
5:30-7:00 pm.
Set up by 5:00 pm
WE NEED CANDY!
WE NEED TRUNKS!
WE NEED GAMES!
WE NEED WORKER BEE'S!

Please sign-up for the Trunk or Treat Event in the office.

There are Candy Collection Bins located near and in the office.

This year the Acts Class will be preparing hot dogs, so the rest of us can focus on handing out candy, candy and more candy! If you can't bring a trunk, we will have a spot for you to help in other ways! This is an event that reaches hundreds of people in our community. If you need ideas for how to decorate your trunk, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Our FCC pens are a good Advertisement! Come by the office, grab a few, and leave them everywhere.



Thank you, Donna McFarland, the Acts Class and all the other men and women that helped set up and take down the picnic. Thank you, Lyn Blount, for all your games, the kiddos (all ages) had a great time. Thank you all for all the wonderful food. Everything was delicious!

Great job FCC!

\$975.00 was collected for the Reconciliation Offering.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON/MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5TH.



If you aren't either,

Join us at 5:30 pm for good food and great company. On October 17th we will be eating at

T'Blancos. Everyone is welcome to join! Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237–8019 or Teresa Mitchell @ (432) 553–6305 for more details. Dinner is canceled on October 10th, because of the Finance Meeting.

We had so much fun last month at our 2nd Thursday of the month BINGO night. This month we will be meeting on October 12th. Bring a dish to share and join us at 5:30 pm.



Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, October 15

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Rev. David Farmer

Sunday, October 22

Exodus 33: 12-23 Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

Dr. Richard Emerson

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH MEDICAL DIRECTIVES AND FORMS?

WILL YOU BE PREPARED IF YOU ARE IN AN ACCIDENT OR WORSE? WHAT ABOUT A STROKE OR EMERGENCY SURGERY AND YOU CAN NOT VOICE YOUR OPINION ON MEDICAL NEEDS?

If you need medical directive forms or need help filling them out, Rev. David Farmer is the one to see. While no legal advice will be offered, he will guide you through the process itself. We have Advance Directive, Medical Power of Attorney, Durable Financial Power of Attorney as well as DNR forms. Rev. David will be happy to walk you through filling them out and providing witnesses. Debra in the office is a Notary Public in the state of Texas and can notarize your signatures. Don't wait so late that someone else has to make these critical decisions for you.



- GIFTS (Growing In Faith Together Studies) would like to invite all ladies to join them Mondays at noon in the Acts Classroom, even if you don't have the book or study guide. Join us!
- Bible Study meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join us.
- Sara's Sisters/DWM meets Monday, October 9th at 10:30 am in the Cornerstone Hall.



- > Hello ROMEO! (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Most are retired, but not all of them. Come join the fellowship of these experienced men. Mondays at noon at Jason's Deli.
- > **Bible Study** meets at 6:30 pm on Thursday in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join us.



RETREAT REGISTRATION **CLOSES 2 WEEKS BEFORE** EACH RETREAT @ 11:59PM

Fall Retreats: (Current Grade) Registration is Open Now DC Kids: November 18-20

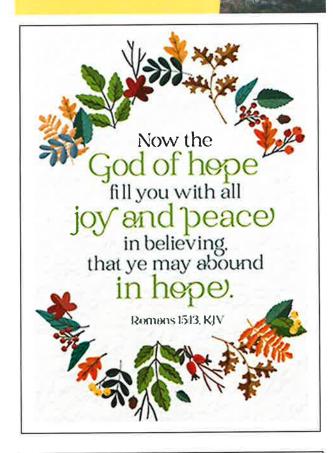
DC Youth Middle School: November 4-6 DC Youth High School: December 2-4

Attention Parents: Please go online to register and pay in full to Disciple Crossing. Then notify the church office that your child/family is going. Scholarships are available if requested.





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Worship @10:30 am (SAN)

FCC Pickleball Mondays @2:00 pm-4:00 pm (DH)

Every other Thursdays @ 10 am (DH)

Sara's Sisters/DWM 2nd Monday of the month

at 10:30 am (CH)

Monday School-Mondays @ Noon (Jason's Deli) GIFTS Mondays @ 12:00 pm (AC)

Tuesday Fellowship Dinner @5:30 pm (TBD) Handbell Practice-Wednesday @5:15 pm (MS)

Choir Practice-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm (MS)

Tai Chi-Thursday @ 9:00 am (CH)

Bingo 2nd Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm (CH)

Bible Study Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (CR)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ABC Class – The Righteous Reign of God 4th floor, West End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – *Help is Here,* Max Lucado Meets 4th floor, East End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

Cornerstone Class - Faith That Pleases God-The Present Word -

Meets in Cornerstone Hall Teacher: Rick Shepherd GNG Class – Lectionary

Meets in the Conference Room

Teacher: Rotating

Seeker's Class – What's so Amazing about Grace? Meets 4th Floor, East End, Last Room on Right

Sojourners Class -

Meets on 4th Floor East Wing

Teacher:

Visions Class- 1 Corinthians

Meets 4th floor, Middle of Hall, South Room Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Dottie Bachtell, Charlie Bachtell, JoAnn Malone, Martha Ruff Murray, Colton Rieger, Pat Terrell, Barbara Dickinson, Ramona Dickinson, Susan Ellison, Margaret Griffin, Susan Goodson, June Green, Cara Cline, Jennifer Fields, Carolyn McAninch, Kathy Hays, Jim Ruth, Steven Brizius, Ruth Lewis, David Bondurant, Mary Ann Tinsley, Gary Ayers, Tom Cook, Elaine Kauffman, Patsy Pliler, Brian Whitenack, Micah Johnson

Friends: Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Lomelo Family, Tony Sasser, Cindy Gann, John McClough, Angela Davis, Billy Lewis, Justin Croft, Joel, Amy, Miles & Melba, Mason Beville, Kathy Stewart, Austyn Martin Zavala and Family, Jim Beville, Virginia, Yvonne, George, Everado Delmas, Susie Johnson, Elizabeth Houston, Darrell McKnight, Kelly Pliler, Lance Cunningham, Lacy Cline & Baby Max, Anna Huntsinger, Donna H., Pat Perkins, Cold weather, Rain, People of Africa, Family of Dale Ellison, Wendy Carter, our homebound, shut-in members, Our nation, government, military, police, fire department, medical personnel and those who do not yet know Jesus' love and saving grace.

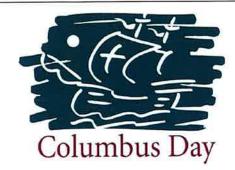
Attendance

 Worship
 Sunday School

 9/24/23
 119 in person
 69

 191 Facebook views
 72

 151 Facebook views
 151 Facebook views



Monday, October 9, 2023

Banks and other Federal Building will be closed, including the Post Office.



The next publication of "The Long View" will be emailed on Thursday, October 12, 2023 If you have an article you wish to include in "The Long View", please call, email it or bring it to the church office no later than no

REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV